REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 19; claim 8 has been canceled and the allowable subject matter incorporated into claims 1 and 19. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-17 and 19-20 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 5-8 and 12-17 were objected to as to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 and independent Claim 9 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 8. The Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 9-11 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ejzak (20030027569), (hereinafter Ejzak). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 with the allowable subject matter of claim 8. The Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 19 are now allowable. Claims 2-4, 9-11 and 20 depend from amended claims 1 and 19 respectively and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims and 19. Claims 5-7 and 12-17 are already conditionally allowed; therefore, the allowance of claims 1-7, 9-17 and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

<u>The Applicant requests a telephonic interview</u> if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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